GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORT OF AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether over Rs. 2000 crore of aircraft components are imported every year of which 60 per cent are imported from Russian manufacturers;

(b) if so, whether the Government are trying to explore domestic alternatives for these components; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir. On an average aircraft components worth about Rs. 300 crores are imported yearly, out of which a little over 75% are imported from Russia and CIS countries.

(b) & (c): Indigenisation of spares like nuts, bolts, screws, washers, some electronic equipments and rubberised items is under progress.

A committee with representatives of IAF, HAL, DRDO,Defence PSUs and Inspection & Certification agencies like Centre for Military Air Worthiness Certification (CEMILAC)& Director General Aeronautics Quality & Assurance (DGAQA), asmembers, has been formed to look into the requirement of spares for IAF and feasibility of their indigenous development. IAF has also taken the initiative of coordinating with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) to involve private industry for indigenous development, production and supply of requisite items.